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SUBJ: CENTO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING: JUNE 5, 1978

REF: ANKARA 3665

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 5
CENTO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING AND REQUEST GUIDANCE ON THE
FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

1. AFGHANISTAN: AS REPORTED REFTEL, THE SECRETARY GENERAL
PARTICULARLY DESIRES TO REVIEW REGULARLY THE
SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN IN THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES. WE
BELIEVE THAT AS LONG AS THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
CONTINUE TO MANIFEST AN EQUAL INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT THAT
THE US SHOULD BE PREPARED TO BE CANDID AND FORTHCOMING IN
UPDATING ITS VIEWS ON AFGHANISTAN. DEVELOPMENTS THAT WE MIGHT
USEFULLY PRESENT AT THE JUNE 5 COUNCIL SESSION INCLUDE:

A. THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN.

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B. OUR HUMAN RIGHTS DEMARCHE IN KABUL AND ASSOCIATED
DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT.

C. REPORTS OF INCREASED NUMBERS OF SOVIET "ADVISERS" IN
AFGHAN GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES.

ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS

2. CENTO HEADQUARTERS TO MOVE: AT THE MAY 10 COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING, SECRETARY GENERAL GURUN SAID THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAD CONFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO REOCCUPY THE PRESENT CENTO BUILDING AT AN UNSPECIFIED DATE IN THE FUTURE. THE TURKISH DEPUTY (SUBASI) CONFIRMED THAT THE CENTO BUILDING WHICH USED TO HOUSE THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT WOULD BE TURNED INTO A MUSEUM BUT THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO MOVE CENTO PRECIPITOUSLY. SUBASI SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS INVESTIGATING OTHER APPROPRIATE GOT OWNED BUILDINGS WHICH SUBASI "HOPED" MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE SAME BASIS (RENT FREE) AS THE EXISTING CENTO HEADQUARTERS. WE ASSUME THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL ASK THE TURKS TO REPORT ON ANY PROGRESS MFA HAS HAD IN LOCATING A NEW BUILDING AND ON THE TIMING OF THE MOVE.

ACTION REQUESTED: NONE

3. FOLLOW UP TO THE 25TH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING: THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL ASK THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES APPROVE THE RECORD OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AND THAT THE US CONFIRM ITS AGREEMENT TO HOST THE NEXT MINISTERIAL IN WASHINGTON, APRIL 18-19, 1979.

ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE RECORD AND CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFIRM THE DATE AND VENUE OF THE 26TH MINISTERIAL.

4. SITUATION AND POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPERS: THE AMBASSADOR IS IN RECEIPT OF A LETTER IN WHICH THE SECRETARY GENERAL NOTES THAT PROGRESS ON THE POLITICAL GUIDANCE PAPER IS DEPENDENT UPON REVISING THE SITUATION PAPER. THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL PROPOSE AT THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION PAPER BE ALLOCATED BY PARAGRAPHS TO EACH ONE OF THE THREE REGIONAL COUNTRIES FOR UPDATING. THESE NEW PARAGRAPHS WOULD THEN BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES IN SEPTEMBER. WE BELIEVE THAT THE US SHOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GURUN'S PROPOSAL.

ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO AGREE TO BEGIN WORK ON A NEW SITUATION PAPER AND TO ACCEPT GURUN'S SUGGESTED METHOD OF APPROACHING IT.
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